

REMARKS

Claim 61 has been amended. Claims 1-23, 34-52, 54-60 and 62-63 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. With entry of this amendment claims 24-33, 53 and 61 will be pending.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application. In other words, the Applicant does not acquiesce to any of the rejections.

According to the present Office action, claims 24, 25-29, 31-34, 37-38, 40-43, 45-47, 53-57 and 61-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,744,993 ("Bisson"); claims 30 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bisson in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,989,853 ("Forkner"); and claim 35 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Amended claim 61 is claim 35 written in independent form. Consequently, independent claim 61 and dependent claims 24-33 and 53 are allowable. With this amendment, all remaining rejections are moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 24-33, 53 and 61.

Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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